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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 6666

FOR BROWN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF, VS, RP
SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON SS EURYBATES

REF: A. MANILA 5864
B. STATE 107164
C. STATE 112982

1. PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES HAVE REGARDED ISSUE OF REFUGEES
ABOARD EURYBATES AS SOMETHING OF A TEST CASE IN ASSAYING
STRENGTH OF USG DETERMINATION TO REFUSE TO OPEN UP SUBIC-
GUAM PIPELINE TO VIETNAMESE ARRIVING IN PHILIPPINE
TERRITORY BY CONVEYANCES NOT RPT NOT UNDER USG CONTROL.
IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT EMBASSY SOUGHT SPECIFIC
GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT IN REF A.

2. THE REFUSAL WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SENT IN REF B WAS
CATEGORIC AND WAS CONVEYED TO GOP AUTHORITIES. IATF
DECISION REF C TO REVERSE THIS POSITION WILL BE VIEWED BY
THE GOP AS AN ABANDONMENT OF OUR PREVIOUSLY STATED
POSITIONS CONCERNING REFUGEES AND WILL MEAN THAT ALL RPT
ALL REFUGEES ARRIVING HERE BY ANY MEANS WILL BE
AUTOMATICALLY REFERRED BY GOP TO SUBIC-GUAM PIPELINE.
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3. I HAVE NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROCEDURE SINCE I
FEEL THAT ULTIMATELY USG SHOULD BE PREPARED ACCEPT
RESPONSIBILITY FOR
ALL VIETNAMESE ARRIVING IN ANY COUNTRY
WHICH, FOR ANY REASON, DECLINES TO ACCEPT THEM. HOWEVER,
I WANT TO BE SURE THAT WASHINGTON UNDERSTANDS FULL
IMPLICATIONS OF THIS ACTION AS IT WILL AFFECT ALL FUTURE
CASES IN PHILIPPINES, INCLUDING THOSE REFUGEES BEGINNING
TO ARRIVE FROM SINGAPORE.

4. WE HAVE BECOME AWARE THAT THIS WHOLE EURYBATES MATTER
HAS BEEN HANDLED BY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM MANILA DIRECTLY
TO THE IATF, BYPASSING THIS EMBASSY. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT
IS AWARE THAT AGENTS MAKING THESE CALLS FROM MANILA HAVE
BEEN ACTING UNDER DIRECT GUIDANCE OF PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THIS CHANNEL, NOW ESTABLISHED, CAN
BE EXPECTED TO BE USED IN ANY FUTURE CASES WHERE DFA
EFFORTS WITH EMBASSY FAIL TO PRODUCE DESIRED RESULTS.

5. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS AND ACCEPTS
FULL CONSEQUENCES THAT WILL FLOW FROM OUR REVERSAL OF
EURYBATES DECISION. ONCE CONFIRMATION RECEIVED, WE WILL
INSTRUCT MASTER TO SAIL TO SUBIC. EURYBATES WILL THEN
BE PERMITTED TO DISCHARGE REFUGEES AT GRANDE ISLAND
WHEN WE ARE ASSURED THAT THERE WILL BE AIRLIFT TO
REMOVE THEM FROM STAGING AREA WITHIN 72 HOURS.
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